(a) what were the safety specifications stipulated by the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board for the safety of Narora Atomic Power Plant;

(b) whether these have been satisfied; and

(c) what were these conditions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) have stipulated that to ensure safety, the Narora Atomic Power Project (NAPP) must have adequate, reliable and redundant means for (i) shutting down of the reactor under all operatnig conditions (ii) containment of radioactivity (iii) removal of heat from the reactor systems (iv) supporting services such as emergency power supplies, compressed air etc. AERB has specified limits for radioactive effluents through air and water into the environment at Narora that the radiation dose to workers and members of the public will not exceed those recommended by the International Commission on radiological protection, stipulated that trained and qualified operators be available, stipulated that emergency plans for off site conditions be prepared, approved and verified through drills, and taken steps to ensure safety through in depth review of sitting, design, commissioning and operation procedures of NAPP.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) In addition to the normal stipulations, AERB prescribed the following stipulations specific to NAPP.

(i) Nuclear Power Corporation should implement and accelerated in-service inspection plan for specific coollant channels.

(ii) A micro-seismic monitoring programme is to be implemented at Narora to confirm the assumption of seismic values used for resigns.

(iii) Special arrangement for shutting the reactor down in the event of significant seismic acceleration in the area.

Utilisation of funds for Health and Family Welfare Programmes

2232. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the funds allocated for health and family welfare programmes have not been fully utilised by several State Governments; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the impact of the non-utilisation of funds on the various health schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir. Some of the States have not been able to utilise fully the funds for Health and Family Welfare Programme during some of the years during the 7th Plan period.

(b) The main reasons for under-utilization of the allocated funds are:

(i) Underutilization of earmarked outlays for Minimum Needs Programme.

(ii) Some of the States are not providing funds in their budgets to the extent of outlays earmarked for the Minimum Needs Programme in the Annual State Plans.

(iii) In some States the infrastructure has not been created on the approved pattern.

(iv) Non-provision of full matching share by various State/UTs for the different centrally sponsored health schemes and non-submission of prescribed expenditure reports in time